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TOPIC Parndorf Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 27 April 1953, source observed 24 MiG-15s and 2 single-engine planes at Parndorf (P 48/X 77) airfield. Individual take-offs by the two single-engine planes were observed. Prior to each take-off, the pilot of the plane was changed. Twenty men were doing maintenance work on the MiG-15s, two of which were parked near the repair point. Weather was 7/10 overcast with moderate north-northwesterly winds and a ceiling of about 2,000 meters. ¹

2. There was no change in the status of the AAA emplacements at the field where source observed 12 trucks. Another 14 motor vehicles were parked in the garages, 3 tank trucks and 4 trucks in front of them.

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The eastern fuel dump was guarded by a soldier who wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Four tank trucks were parked there. A command bus and a signal truck were seen parked at the edge of the airfield.

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3. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 7 May, source observed 18 MiG-15s and 2 single-engine planes fitted with radial engines at the field. Weather was 6/10 overcast with moderate northeasterly wind and good visibility. No air activity was observed except for three MiG-15s which took off at 8 a.m. The rear end of the fuselage had been detached from a MiG-15 seen by source near the repair point. ¹

4. There was no change in the status of the eastern fuel dump. Two tank trucks were seen there. About 22 motor vehicles were housed in the garages, while five trucks, 1 van-like truck and 1 tank truck were parked in front of the garages.

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truck, and Another 11 trucks were observed north of the garages. There was no change in the status of the four radio installations available at the field. Six AA guns fitted with funnel shaped muzzles were observed at the AAA emplacement which was guarded by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A command bus and a radio truck were parked at the field. Truck driver with black-bordered blue epaulets and occupied by about 20 officers with blue service color and all of them wearing leather suits left the field toward Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77) about noon.

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5. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 12 May, source observed 24 MiG-15s, 3 of which disassembled, and 1 single-engine plane fitted with radial engine and a long cabin at the field. Weather was 6/10 overcast with moderate easterly wind and good visibility. Several 10- to 15-minute flights were made by the single-engine plane. About noon, three single seater MiG-15s including the plane marked No 761 took off within about four minutes.¹ Source observed extended landing flaps fitted on the sides of the fuselage of two landing MiG-15s. A starter carriage was seen near a MiG-15 parked at the field. After some time, this carriage was towed by a truck to another MiG-15 which did not participate in air activity. The tank truck from which a MiG-15 refueled had backed up at the rear end of the plane, in a right angle to the longitudinal axes of the plane. The fueling hose was inserted into an opening aft of the cabin. At the same time a hose or thick cable extending from a Moskvich-type truck was connected to a plug close to the filler neck.²

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6. New wooden sheds, apparently garages, were being built at the field. Sixteen trucks, 4 van-like trucks and 3 weapon carriers were parked in the old garages and 6 tank trucks in front of them.

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7. Between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on 14 May, source observed 21 MiG-15s, 1 single-engine plane fitted with radial engine and 1 Pe-2 at the field. No flying was observed. Weather was overcast with an easterly wind blowing at a velocity of 20 km/h and good visibility. Starter carriages were seen near four MiG-15s, which were started. After about 5 minutes, the engines of the planes were switched off again. Source observed two boxes about 2 x 1.5 x 1.5 meters stored at the installation. The corners of the boxes were reinforced by a black sheet metal. A mobile crane was seen near these boxes.³ Half of the MiG-15s available at the field had red, the other half blue upper edges of their rudder assemblies.⁴

8. Source observed that a shed and about 12 tents had been set up at the eastern end of the field, south of the take-off strip. Motor vehicles were seen parked at the AAA emplacements which were occupied. The garages housed an undetermined number of motor vehicles.

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There was no change in the status of the radio installation on the northwestern edge of the field. As usually, a command bus and a radio truck were seen northeast of the garages. Source observed a gray box of the same type as those seen at the field on a flatcar parked near the railroad station. No details could be observed because the flatcar was guarded.

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9. On 4 May, source observed jet fighters, two single-engine conventional planes and a biplane at the field. The rudder assembly of the jet planes was marked by a wide red or red-brown stripe. A radio truck and two mobile generators were seen about 1,000 meters distant from the eastern boundary of the field. A wooden shed was being built there.

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- 25X1A 1. ☐ Comment. Parndorf airfield is still occupied by a fighter regiment. No 761 was observed for the first time on a MiG-15.
- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. The same observations were also made by several sources in East Germany. It is not yet clear whether the starting device is operated from the right or left side of the plane. However, it is believed that the description given by the source of the present report is correct.
- 25X1A 3. ☐ Comment. These boxes were crates containing jet engines.
- 25X1A 4. ☐ Comment. It is believed that these markings were applied in conjunction with exercises in which these planes participated.

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